**Web 2.0 Activity**

The number one barrier to technology integration in the classroom is lack of access. One of the technologies I was taught during my master’s work and have used in my high school classroom was the graphic organizer software Inspiration. Although we have Inspiration and Kidspiration software in this lab, I have stopped teaching it due to lack of access on the part of teachers. Recently, I have been researching free, Web 2.0 graphic organizer software. As more and more Web 2.0 and Open Source programs emerge, access becomes less and less of a problem. Unfortunately, behind lack of access, the main barrier to teacher integration of technology is lack of time. This barrier was apparent when I read your last journals. Many of you expressed your frustration with not only a lack of time to learn new technologies but also to simply find them. With our last two classes, I would like for us to take the time both inside of class and out to explore free classroom technologies that are available to you. I recently completed a single search of the phrase “web 2.0 graphic organizer software” and below are the programs that I found.

For your last assignment, you will identify five free programs that can assist you in teaching a lesson in your classroom. We will create a website using Weebly (<http://www.weebly.com/>) on which you will place the links to the websites. Each link should be accompanied by one or two sentences that explain what the site is and how it might be used to support instruction.

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| [**Gliffy.com**](http://engage.intel.com/message/31675#31675)  <http://www.gliffy.com/>  The features of this tool are much like the Inspiration program, only it is free and available online!  This site allows for examples, templates, as well as the option to create your own graphic organizer. Within the Gliffy site, viewers can create flow charts, network diagrams, floor plans, organizational charts, venn diagrams, site maps, technical drawings, and concept webbing.  This site can be used to create extremely technical drawings and blueprints for businesses as well as for educational maps for our students.  This site is extremely visually appealing.  Users have a plethora of colors to aid in the visual representation and well as importing graphics and pictures to any map.  The site can create very basic maps all the way to very technical and advanced maps as well.  (Posted from another viewer review) |

During our April 19 class, you will present the five sites you have found to your classmates. Try to find at least one “wild card” site that can be teachers/students in any discipline/grade level (e.g., graphic organizers).

Please make a page on your wiki titled, *Website*, and place a link to your weebly on it.

**Graphic Organizer Creators**

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